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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Office Communication setting forth a restriction requirement in the instant application. The Office Communication was dated October 3, 2003, and set a shortened statutory period of one month for the response. This response is timely filed, however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this document, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Marshall, Gerstein and Borun LLP deposit account number 13-2855.

Amendments to the specification. There are no amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the complete listing of claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.